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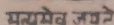
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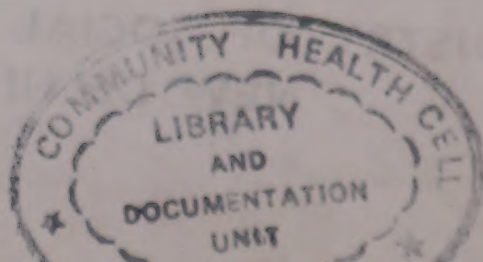
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INTRODUCTION

The booklet contains the following documents :

- (a) National Policy for Children—22 August 1974.
 - (b) Reconstitution of the National Children's Board 25 May 1981.
 - (c) Articles in the Constitution of India regarding welfare of children.
 - (d) Extracts from the National Policy on Education.
 - (e) Declaration of the Rights of the Child.
 - (f) International Year of the Child.
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 - (k) Guidelines for UNICEF Assistance for the projects concerning Childhood disability to be implemented by voluntary organisations.
 - (l) Scheme of National Awards for the best work done in a year in the cause of children.
2. This could be a useful booklet to facilitate references for all those who deal with Child Welfare Programmes.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
New Delhi, the 22nd August 1974
Subject—National Policy for Children
RESOLUTION

No. 1-14/74-CDD—The Government of India have had under consideration the question of evolving a national policy for the welfare of children. After the consideration, it has been decided to adopt the policy enunciated below :—

Introduction

1. The nation's children are a supremely important asset. Their nurture and solicitude are our responsibility. Children's programmes should find a prominent part in our national plans for the development of human resources, so that our children grow up to become robust citizens, physically fit, mentally alert and morally healthy, endowed with the skills and motivations needed by society. Equal opportunities for development to all children during the period of growth should be our aim, for this would serve our larger purpose of reducing inequality and ensuring social justice.

Goals

2. The needs of children and our duties towards them have been expressed in the Constitution. The Resolution on a National Policy on Education, which has been adopted by Parliament, gives direction to State Policy on the educational needs of children. We are also party to the U.N. Declaration of the Rights of the Child. The goals set out in these documents can reasonably be achieved by judicious and efficient use of the available national resources. Keeping in view these goals, the Government of India adopts this Resolution on the National Policy for children.

Policy and measures

3. It shall be the policy of the State to provide adequate services to children, both before and after birth and through the period of growth, to ensure their full physical, mental and social development. The State shall progressively increase the scope of such services so that, within a reasonable time, all children in the country enjoy optimum conditions for their balanced growth. In particular, the following measures shall be adopted towards the attainment of these objectives :

- (i) All children shall be covered by a comprehensive health programme.
- (ii) Programmes shall be implemented to provide nutrition services with the object of removing deficiencies in the diet of children.
- (iii) Programmes will be undertaken for the general improvement of the health and for the care, nutrition and nutrition education of expectant and nursing mothers.
- (iv) The State shall take steps to provide free and compulsory education for all children up to the age of 14 for which a time-bound programme will be drawn up consistent with the availability of resources. Special efforts will be made to reduce the prevailing wastage and stagnation in schools particularly in the case of girls and children of the weaker sections of the society. The programme of informal education for pre-school children from such sections will also be taken up.
- (v) Children who are not able to take full advantage of formal school education should be provided other forms of education suited to their requirements.
- (vi) Physical education, games, sports and other types of recreational as well as cultural and scientific activities

shall be promoted in schools, community centres and such other institutions.

- (vii) To ensure equality of opportunity, special assistance shall be provided to all children belonging to the weaker sections of the society, such as children belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and those belonging to the economically weaker sections both in urban and rural areas.
- (viii) Children who are socially handicapped, who have become delinquent or have been forced to take to begging or are otherwise in distress, shall be provided facilities of education, training and rehabilitation and will be helped to become useful citizens.
- (ix) Children shall be protected against neglect, cruelty and exploitation.
- (x) No child under 14 years shall be permitted to be engaged in any hazardous occupation or be made to undertake heavy work.
- (xi) Facilities shall be provided for special treatment, education, rehabilitation and care of children who are physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed or mentally retarded.
- (xii) Children shall be given priority for protection and relief in times of distress or natural calamity.
- (xiii) Special programmes shall be formulated to spot, encourage and assist gifted children, particularly those belonging to the weaker sections of the society.
- (xiv) Existing laws should be amended so that in all legal disputes, whether between parents or institutions the interests of children are given paramount consideration.

- (xv) In organising services for children, efforts would be directed to strengthen family ties so that full potentialities of growth of children are realised within the normal family, neighbourhood and community environment.

Priority in programme formulation

4. In formulating programmes in different sectors, priority shall be given to programmes relating to :

- (a) preventive and promotive aspects of child health ;
- (b) nutrition for infants and children in the pre-school age along with nutrition for nursing and expectant mothers ;
- (c) maintenance, education and training of orphan and destitute children ;
- (d) creches and other facilities for the care of children of working or ailing mothers ; and
- (e) care, education, training and rehabilitation of handicapped children.

Constitution of National Childre'n Board

5. During the last two decades, we have made significant progress in the provision of services for children on the lines detailed above. There has been considerable expansion in the health, nutrition, education and welfare services. Rise in the standard of living, wherever it occurred, has indirectly met children's basic needs to some extent. But all this work needs a focus and a forum for planning and review, and proper coordination of the multiplicity of services striving to meet the needs of children. A National Children's Board shall be constituted to

provide this focus and to ensure at different levels continuous planning, review and coordination of all the essential services. Similar Boards may also be constituted at the State level.

Role of voluntary organisations

6. The Government shall endeavour that adequate resources are provided for child welfare programmes and appropriate schemes are undertaken. At the same time, voluntary organisations engaged in the field of child welfare will continue to have the opportunity to develop, either on their own or with State assistance, in the field of education, health, recreation and social welfare services. India has a tradition of voluntary action. It shall be the endeavour of the State to encourage and strengthen voluntary action so that State and voluntary efforts compliment each other. The resources of voluntary organisations, trusts, charities and religious and other endowments would have to be tapped to the extent possible for promoting and developing child welfare programmes.

Legislative and Administrative action

7. To achieve the above aims, the State will provide necessary legislative and administrative support. Facilities for research and training of personnel will be developed to meet the needs of the expanding programmes and to improve the effectiveness of the services.

People's Participation

8. The Government of India trusts that the policy enunciated in this statement will receive support and cooperation of all sections of the people and of organisations working for children. The Government of India also calls upon the citizens and voluntary organisations to play their part in the overall effort to attain these objectives.

Sd.

Secretary to the Government of India

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to the Cabinet Secretariat, the Prime Minister's Secretariat, all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, the Planning Commission, the State Governments and the Government/Administrations of Union Territories.

Ordered also that the resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

Sd.

Secretary to the Government of India

(To be published in Part I, Section I of the Gazette of India)

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE**

New Delhi, the 4 April, 1984

RESOLUTION

No. 1-2/83 CW A National Children's Board was constituted on 3 December 1974 with Prime Minister as President in pursuance of the provisions in the National Policy for Children Resolution dated 22 August 1974 to provide a focus and a forum at the national level, to plan, review and co-ordinate the services to meet the needs of children.

2. The National Children's Board was last reconstituted on 25 May 1981. It continued the functions of the National Commission for IYC in India.

3. In supersession of the earlier orders constituting the National Children's Board, the President is pleased to reconstitute the National Children's Board as follows :-

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|---|--------------------|
| 1. Prime Minister | : President |
| 2. Minister of State for
Social Welfare | : Working Chairman |
| 3. Minister of Health and
Family Welfare | : Member |
| 4. Minister of Finance | : Member |

5. Deputy Chairman
Planning Commission : Member

6. Minister of Labour : Member

7. Deputy Minister of
Social Welfare : Member

B-17. Ten non-officials with
experience in Child Welfare : Members

(i) Shri Hari Dang
Rector
St. Paul's School
Jalapahar
Darjeeling-734 103

(ii) Smt. Shanta Gandhi
Vipin Villa
583 Jame Jamshed Road
Matunga
Bombay-400 019

(iii) Dr. O. P. Ghai
Paediatrician
All India Institute of
Medical Sciences
New Delhi-110 029

(iv) Smt. Tara Ali Baig
Chairman
SOS Children Villages of India
506-507 Vishal Bhavan
95, Nehru Place
New Delhi-110019

- (v) Smt. Omem Moyong Deori
Chairman
Arunachal Pradesh Social Welfare
Advisory Board
Itanagar-791 111
Arunachal Pradesh
- (vi) Smt. Vibha Parthasarathi
Principal
Sardar Patel Vidyalaya
Lodhi Estate, Road No. 3
New Delhi-110 003
- (vii) President
Indian Council for Child Welfare
4, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg
New Delhi-110 002
- (viii) Vice-Chairman
Bal Bhavan Board
Bal Bhavan
Kotla Road
New Delhi-110 002
- (ix) Sister Mary Braganza
General Secretary
All India Association for
Christian Higher Education
C-6, Community Centre
Safdarjung Development Area
New Delhi-110 016
- (x) Dr. P-K. Sethi
Director
Rehabilitation Research and
Regional Limb Fitting Centre
S.M.S. Medical College Hospital
Jaipur-302 004

18-22. Five Ministers of State
Governments dealing with
Child Welfare : Members

- (i) Minister in charge of
Child Welfare, Meghalaya
- (ii) Minister in charge of
Child Welfare, Sikkim
- (iii) Minister in charge of
Child Welfare, Jammu &
Kashmir
- (iv) Minister in charge of Child
Welfare, Maharashtra
- (v) Minister in charge of
Child Welfare, Kerala

23. Lt. Governor/Chief
Commissioner of one of
the Union Territories.
Lt. Governor of Chandigarh : Member

24-25. Two Members of Lok Sabha : Members

- (i) Smt. Pramila Dandavate
- (ii) Smt. Kesharbai Kshirsagar

26. One Member of Rajya Sabha : Member

- (i) Shri Baharul Islam

27. Chairman
Central Social Welfare Board : Member

28. Director
National Institute of Public
Cooperation & Child
Development : Member
29. Secretary
Ministry of Social Welfare : Member Secretary

4. The functions of the Board shall be :-

- (i) to plan, review and supervise implementation of the programmes connected with the activities for the welfare of children in the post IYC years ;
- (ii) to coordinate and integrate the efforts made by different governmental and private agencies in implementing programmes for the welfare of children ;
- (iii) to periodically review the progress made in the different programmes ;
- (iv) to locate gaps in the existing services and suggest measures to eliminate such gaps ;
- (v) to suggest, from time to time, any changes needed in the priorities accorded to the different programmes ;
- (vi) to act as a high-powered national body to symbolize the commitment of the nation to the work of welfare of children.

5. The Board shall have a Standing Committee of the following members :

- (1) Minister of State for Social Welfare : Chairman
- (2) Minister of State for Finance : Member

- (3) Member in charge of Child Welfare in Planning Commission : Member
- (4) Deputy Minister of Social Welfare : Member
- (5) A representative of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare : Member
- (6) Minister in charge of Child Welfare in Kerala : Member
- (7) Chairman
Central Social Welfare Board : Member
- (8) Director
National Institute of Public Cooperation
and Child Development : Member
- (9) President
Indian Council for Child Welfare : Member
- (10) Secretary
Ministry of Social Welfare : Member-Secretary

6. The term of office of the non-official members on the Board and on the Standing Committee of the Board will be two years.

7. A unit in the Ministry of Social Welfare will form the Secretariat of the Board and the Standing Committee of the Board.

8. The Board shall ordinarily meet once a year and the Standing Committee twice a year,

9. The non-official members of the Board and the Standing Committee will be eligible for T.A. and D.A. as provided under rules.

(M.S. Dayal)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

O R D E R

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

(M. S. Dayal)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

ARTICLES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA REGARDING WELFARE OF CHILDREN

Article 24

PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN FACTORIES, etc.—No child below the age of fourteen years shall be employed to work in any factory or mine or engaged in any other hazardous employment.

Article 39

CERTAIN PRINCIPLES TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE STATE—The State shall, in particular direct its policy toward securing—

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- (e) that the health and strength of workers, men and women, and the tender age of children are not abused and that citizens are not forced by economic necessity to enter avocations unsuited to their age or strength ;
- (f) the children are given opportunities and facilities to develop in a healthy manner in conditions of freedom and dignity and that childhood and youth are protected against exploitation and against moral and material abandonment.

Article 45

PROVISION FOR FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN.—The State shall endeavour to provide, within a period of ten years from the commencement of this Constitution, for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of fourteen years.

EXTRACT FROM THE NATIONAL POLICY ON EDUCATION

Free and Compulsory Education: Strenuous efforts should be made for the early fulfilment of the Directive Principle under Article 45 of the Constitution seeking to provide free and compulsory education for all children up to the age of 14. Suitable programmes should be developed to reduce the prevailing wastage and stagnation in schools and to ensure that every child, who is enrolled in school, successfully completes the prescribed course.

Education facilities for the physically and mentally handicapped children should be expanded and attempts should be made to develop integrated programmes enabling the handicapped children to study in regular schools.

Special attention should be given to books for children in regional languages.

DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Preamble

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have, in the charter, reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, and in the dignity and worth of the human person, and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

Whereas the United Nations has in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed that every one is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Whereas the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth.

Whereas the need for such special safeguards has been stated in the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child of 1924, and recognised in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the statutes of specialized agencies and international organisations concerned with the welfare of children.

Whereas mankind owes to the child the best it has to give,

Now therefore,

The General Assembly;

Proclaims this Declaration of the Rights of the Child to the

end that he may have a happy childhood and enjoy for his own good and for the good of society the rights and freedom herein set forth, and calls upon parents, upon men and women as individuals and upon voluntary organisations, local authorities and national governments to recognize these rights and strive for their observance by legislative and other measures progressively taken in accordance with the following principles :

Principle 1

The child shall enjoy all the rights set forth in this Declaration. All children, without any exception, whatsoever, shall be entitled to these rights, without distinction or discrimination on account of race, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status whether of himself or of his family.

Principle 2

The child shall enjoy special protection and shall be given opportunities and facilities, by law and by other means, to enable him to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity. In the enactment of laws for this purpose the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration.

Principle 3

The child shall be entitled from his birth to a name and a nationality.

Principle 4

The child shall enjoy the benefits of social security. He shall be entitled to grow and develop in health ; to this end special care and protection shall be provided both to him and to his mother, including adequate pre-natal and post-natal care, The

child shall have the right to adequate nutrition, housing, recreation and medical services.

Principle 5

The child, who is physically, mentally, or socially handicapped, shall be given the special treatment, education and care required by this particular condition.

Principle 6

The child for the full and harmonious development of his personality, needs love and understanding. He shall, wherever possible, grow up in the care and under the responsibility of his parents, and in any case in an atmosphere of affection and of moral and material security ; a child of tender years shall not, save in exceptional circumstances, be separated from his mother. Society and the public authorities shall have the duty to extend particular care to children without a family and those without adequate means to support. Payment of state and other assistance towards the maintenance of children of large families is desirable.

Principle 7

The child is entitled to receive education, which shall be free and compulsory, at least in the elementary stages, He shall be given an education which will promote his general culture, and enable him on the basis of equal opportunity to develop his abilities, his individual judgement, and his sense of moral and social responsibility, and to become a useful member of society.

The best interests of the child shall be the guiding principle of those responsible for his education and guidance ; that responsibility lies in the first place with his parents.

The child shall have full opportunity for play and recreation, which should be directed to the same purpose as education ;

society and the public authorities shall endeavour to promote the enjoyment of this right.

Principle 8

The child shall, in all circumstances, be among the first to receive protection and relief.

Principle 9

The child shall be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation. He shall not be the subject of traffic in any form.

The child shall not be admitted to employment before any appropriate minimum age ; he shall in no case be caused or permitted to engage in any occupation or employment which would prejudice his health or education, or interfere with his physical, mental or moral development.

Principle 10

The child shall be protected from practices which may foster racial, religious and any other form of discrimination. He shall be brought up in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, friendship among peoples, peace and universal brotherhood and in full consciousness that his energy and talents should be devoted to the service of his fellow men.

(Adopted by the U. N. General Assembly on 20th November, 1959),

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

The General Assembly

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on measures and modalities to ensure the adequate preparation, support and financing of an international year of the child Economic and Social Council decision 178 (LXI) of 5 August, 1976 on an international year of the child and the additional discussions in the Economic and Social Council.

Recognizing the fundamental importance in all countries, developing and industrialized, of programmes benefiting children not only for the well-being of the children, but also as part of broader efforts to accelerate economic and social progress.

Recalling in this connection its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October, 1970 containing the international Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May, 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September, 1975 on Development and International Economic Cooperation,

Deeply concerned that, in spite of all efforts, far too many children, especially in developing countries, are undernourished, are without access to adequate health services, are missing the basic educational preparation for their future and are deprived of the elementary amenities of life.

Convinced that an international year of the child could serve to encourage all countries to review their programmes for the

promotion of the well-being of children to mobilize support for national and local action programmes according to each country's conditions, needs and priorities.

Affirming that the concept of basic services for children is a vital component of social and economic development and that it should be supported and implemented by the cooperative efforts of the international and national communities.

Bearing in mind that the year 1979 will be the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and could serve as an occasion to promote further its implementation.

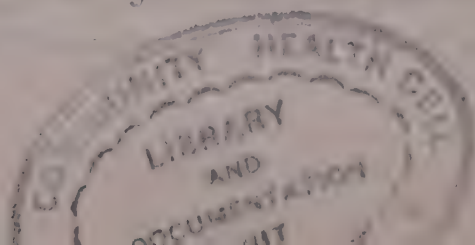
Aware that, for an international year of the child to be effective, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Government, non-governmental organizations and the public will be required.

Believing that administrative costs for the international year should be kept to the minimum necessary.

Taking note of the statement made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund before the Second Committee.

1. Proclaims the year 1979 international Year of the Child;
2. Decides that the international Year of the Child should have the following general objectives :

- (a) To provide a framework for advocacy on behalf of children and for enhancing the awareness of the special needs of children on the part of decision-makers and the public.



- (b) To promote recognition of the fact that programmes for children should be an integral part of economic and social development plans with a view to achieving, in both the long-term and the short-term, sustained activities for the benefit of children at the national/international levels;

3. Urges Governments to expand their efforts at the national and community levels to provide lasting improvement in the well-being of their children, with special attention to those in the most vulnerable and particularly disadvantaged groups;

4. Calls upon the appropriate organs and organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the preparation and implementation of the objectives of the international Year of the Child;

5. Designates the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency of the United Nations system responsible for coordinating the activities of the international year of the Child and the Executive Director of the Fund to be responsible for its coordination;

6. Invites non-governmental organization, and the public to participate actively in the international year of the Child and to coordinate their programmes for the year as fully as possible, especially at the national level;

7. Appeals to Governments to make contributions or pledges for the international year of the Child through the United Nations Children's Fund to ensure the adequate financing of activities for the preparation and carrying out of the year;

8. Expresses the hope that Governments, non-governmental organizations and the public will respond generously with contributions to attain the objectives of the international year of the

Child and through the United Nations Children's Funds and other channels of external aid, to increase substantially the resources available for services benefiting children;

9. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session, on progress in preparing for the international Year of the Child, including its financing and the level of contributions pledged.

(Resolution adopted by U. N. General Assembly in 106th plenary meeting held on 21 December, 1976)

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
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without reference to a Main Committee (A/34/L.4/Rev. 2 and
Rev. 2/Add.1)

34/4. International Year of the Child

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the international Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation.

Recalling also its resolution 31/169 of 21 December 1976, in which it proclaimed the year 1979 international Year of the Child and laid down the general objectives of the year.

Recalling further its resolution 33/83 of 15 December 1978

and the resolutions referred to therein, and also Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/57 of 3 August 1979,

Mindful of the fact that 1979 is also the twentieth anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, contained in General Assembly resolution 1386 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

Mindful also of its resolution 33/166 of 20 December 1978 entitled "Question of a convention on the rights of the child,"

Aware that adequate maternity care is an important contribution to the creation of a total environment which would ensure equal opportunity at birth to every child for its harmonious development and preparation for life,

Mindful of the vital link between programmes benefiting children and the observance of their rights, and the broader and more comprehensive framework of overall economic and social development in conditions of peace,

Recognizing in this regard that the observance of the year has contributed towards the reaffirmation of the goals of a new international economic order,

Recognising also that the situation of children in the developing countries depends on the economic and social development of those countries and consequently on the establishment of a new international economic order,

Deeply gratified by the world-wide response of the international community in observing the year as a first essential step towards achieving the longer-range objectives of the year, while also highlighting the international co-operative efforts towards the improvement of the well-being of children and the attainment of the harmonious development of their personalities,

Bearing in mind the conclusions and recommendations of

the International Seminar on Children under **Apartheid** held in June 1979 in Paris, at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in observance of the Year,

Noting that the approach adopted by the United Nations in organizing the Year contributed to its success,

Convinced that the fresh and necessary impetus to activities, generated by the Year, should be maintained and that the new perspectives it has created should be followed by the appropriate action in the years to come,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director of United Nations Children's Fund on the International Year of the Child,

1. Expresses its deep satisfaction to all Governments which elaborated national programmes for the implementation of the aims of the International Year of the Child and to those among them which became initiators of major regional and other international events;

2. Expresses also its deep appreciation to the United Nations Children's Fund, the lead agency, to the Executive Director of the Fund and his Special Representative for the International Year of the Child and her staff, and commends the efforts of other concerned organisations of the United Nations system and the contributions made by non-governmental organizations;

3. Urges Governments to make every effort to consolidate and to build further on the results of the Year in order to achieve lastingly increased benefits for children by such measures, where appropriate, as:

(a) Planning for programmes and services benefiting children, including integrated mother and child health care, in their national planning for social and economic development;

(b) Further identifying, defining and documenting the situation of children;

(c) Setting specific national targets and goals for meeting the needs of children, *inter alia*, in the fields of health and education and for the development of their intellectual and cultural abilities;

(d) Increasing budgetary provision for programmes benefiting children by reviewing and/or revising present priorities;

4. Recognizes the importance of assisting and protecting the family as a basic unit of society and the natural environment for the development and welfare of its members, especially the children;

5. Requests Governments and organizations to develop special programmes of assistance to the children oppressed by the inhuman policy of **apartheid**;

6. Urges Governments and organizations providing assistance to developing countries through the United Nations Children's Fund and other channels to review their policies, in order to give more recognition to programmes benefiting children, and to increase the flow of such assistance;

7. Stresses the importance of following up the experience and activities of the Year through long-term plans and action to improve the situation of children in the world, particularly in the developing countries;

8. Designates the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency of the United Nations system responsible for coordinating the development aspects of the follow-up activities of the Year, in consultation with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, within their respective spheres of competence;

9. **Notes that** the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund will consider the scope of the Fund's cooperation with countries as a follow-up to the year ;

10. **Requests** Governments and organs and organizations of the United Nations system to evaluate and to follow up the impact of the year on their activities, and to inform the Secretary-General, who will report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

11. **Invites** non-governmental organizations to continue and to expand their programmes related to children in order to maintain the momentum generated by the year ;

12. **Requests** the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy, *in elaborating its goals and objectives, to take into account the importance of the interests of children and meeting their needs.*

39th plenary meeting
18 October 1979

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Third Committee (A/31/395)]
31/123. **International Year for Disabled Persons**

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its deep-rooted faith in human rights and fundamental freedoms, the principles of peace, the dignity and worth of the human person and the promotion of social justice as proclaimed by the Charter of the United Nations.

Recalling its resolution 2856 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 proclaiming the Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons.

Recalling its resolution 3447 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 preclaiming the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons.

Recalling its resolution 31/82 of 13 December 1976 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons.

1 Proclaims the year 1981 International Year for Disabled Persons, with the theme "full participation".

2 Decides to devote that year to the realization of a set of objectives, including ;

(a) Helping disabled persons in their physical and psychological adjustment to society;

(b) Promoting all national and international effort to provide disabled persons with proper assistance, training, care and guidance, to make available opportunities for suitable work and to ensure their full integration in society;

(c) Encouraging study and research projects designed to facilitate the practical participation of disabled persons in daily life, for example, by improving their access to public buildings and transportation system;

(d) Educating and informing the public of the rights of disabled persons to participate in and contribute to various aspects of economic, social and political life;

(e) Promoting effective measures for the prevention of disability and for the rehabilitation of disabled persons;

3. Invites all Member States and the organizations concerned to give their attention to the establishment of measures and programmes to implement the objectives of the International Year for Disabled Persons ;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and the

organisations concerned, and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a draft programme for the International Year for Disabled Persons;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session an item entitled "International Year for Disabled Persons".

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
NOTIFICATION
IN THE MATTER OF THE CHARITABLE
ENDOWMENTS ACT, 1890
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S
FUND, NEW DELHI

S.O. 120 (E). WHEREAS the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Education, Social Welfare and Culture, Department of Social Welfare, being the person who proposes to apply the funds of the National Children's Fund, New Delhi, in trust for charitable purpose, has applied for vesting the funds mentioned in Schedule A annexed hereto in the Treasure of Charitable Endowments for India and for the settlement of a scheme for the administration of the said funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 4 and 5 of the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890 (6 of 1890), and upon the application, as aforesaid, and with the concurrence of the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Education, Social Welfare and Cultural, Department of Social Welfare, do hereby order that the moneys set out in Schedule A annexed hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this notification, be vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for India to be held by him and his successors in office upon trust to hold the said moneys and the income thereof in accordance with the trust and terms set out in

*As amended by the S.O. No. 2071 dt. 28 July 1980.

the scheme set forth in schedule B, annexed hereto for the administration of the said funds;

And it is hereby notified that the scheme set forth in Schedule B annexed hereto has, under sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the said Act, been settled for administration of the said funds and under sub-section (3) of the said Section (5) of the said Act, it is hereby further ordered that it shall come into force with immediate effect.

SCHEDULE 'A'

Contribution of rupees one lakh made by the Government of India towards the funds of the National Children's Fund.

SCHEDULE 'B'

*Scheme for the administration of the National Children's Fund,
New Delhi*

1. The objects of the National Children's Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) shall be :-

- (i) to administer and apply the funds of the Fund to pay grants-in-aid to voluntary organisations of National, State, and district level, to implement programmes for the welfare of children, including rehabilitation of destitute children, particularly pre-school age children and other programmes envisaged in the National Plan of Action for International year of the Child.

Programmes for welfare of children belonging to Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes will receive priority consideration ;

- (ii) to do all other things that are incidental and conducive to the above objects.

2, The objectives of the Fund shall extend to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

3. For the management and administration of the funds of the Fund, a Board or Management (hereinafter referred to as the Board) shall be constituted consisting of the following members, namely :—

Chairman (Ex-officio)

- (a) Union Minister in charge of Social Welfare

Working Chairman

- (b) Union Minister of State in charge of Social Welfare

Members

- (c) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
—Member
- (d) Secretary, Ministry of the Social Welfare Government of India.
—Member
- (e) Joint Secretary (Nutrition and Child Development); Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of India
—Member
- (f) Chairman, Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi
—Member
- (g) six non-official members to be nominated by the Chairman—Members.
- (h) a representative from each of the State Committees and Union Territory Committees to be nominated by the Chairman of each such Committee—Members.

- (i) Director, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development— Secretary-Treasurer

4 Not less than seven members shall form a quorum. Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting on question. In case of equality of votes Chairman shall have a casting vote.

5. The Board may function notwithstanding any vacancy in its constitution.

6. Subject to the provisions hereincontained, the Board may, with the previous approval of the Central Government, frame and vary from time to time, as they think fit, bye-laws for the conduct of their business.

7. The funds of the Fund shall be vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for India.

8. (1) The Board may make bye-laws for the regulation, management, and for any other purpose connected with the execution of the funds of the Fund.

(2) The Board shall invest the proceeds of the sale or other disposal of the property as well as any moneys or property not immediately required to be used for the objects of the Fund in any one or more of the modes of investment for the time being authorised by law for the investment of the trust money as the Board may think proper.

9. Appointment of State Committee and Union Territory Committees-The Board may appoint a Committee for each State and each Union Territory to be called the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, to carry out the purposes of this scheme.

10. Delegation of Powers—The Board may delegate any of their powers to any of the State Committees or the Union Territory Committees or anyone or more members of such Committees.

11. The Board may also delegate to one or more of the members such of their powers as may, in the opinion of the Board, be merely ministerial acts and involve no discretion or are necessary and conformable to common usage.

12. Regular accounts of the moneys in the funds shall be kept by the Secretary-Treasurer.

13. All contracts and other assurances shall be in the name of the Board and signed on their behalf by at least one of the members or Secretary-Treasurer.

14. The Board may receive any endowment, donation, or other contributions in augmentation of any one of the objects and general purpose of the fund. They may also receive endowments, donations, or other contributions for any special purposes connected with the charity not inconsistent with or calculated to impede the due working of the provisions of this Scheme.

15. Distribution of funds—The collection made for the Fund in a financial year in a State or Union Territory by the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, shall be distributed between such Committee, and the Board in the ratio of 90:10 respectively from the date to be specified in this behalf by the Board.

16. Eligibility for financial assistance :—A voluntary organisation with a known record of service in the field of child welfare and eligible for financial assistance in terms of this scheme shall ordinarily be preferred for assistance from the Fund.

17. Applications to Board:—For financial assistance from the Central Account of the Fund voluntary organisations shall address applications in this behalf, in the annexed Form, to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

18. Applications to the State or Union Territory Committees:—For financial assistance from the account of the Fund controlled by a State Committee or Union Territory Committee, voluntary organisations shall address the applications in this behalf, in the annexed Form, to the Secretary-Treasurer of the concerned State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be.

19. Limitation to financial assistance:—The financial assistance to the voluntary organisations of a national or a State or district level shall be limited to 90 per cent of the estimated cost of the proposed programme and shall not exceed rupees one lakh in any case.

20. Scope of financial assistance:—Financial assistance under this schemes shall be restricted to the programmes which are considered viable.

21. Programmes eligible for financial assistance :—Programmes that are eligible for assistance under any scheme operated by the Central Government or a State Government, shall not, in ordinary circumstances, qualify for any financial assistance under this scheme.

22. Consideration of application :—All applications for financial assistance from the Central Account of the Fund shall be considered and disposed of by the Board, and where the Board is not meeting early for any reason, the application so received may be considered and disposed of by a committee consisting of the Chairman and two other members of the Board to be nominated by the Chairman of the Board.

Provided that before any such application is so considered, the Chairman may, if he thinks it necessary so to do, refer such application to the State Government concerned or other body for expressing its views thereon.

23. Consideration of applications made to State or Union Territory Committee :—All applications for financial assistance from the account of the Fund controlled by a State Committee or Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, shall be considered and disposed of by the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee concerned and where such Committee is not meeting early for any reason, the applications as received may be considered and disposed of by the Chairman of the concerned State Committee or the Union Territory Committee.

24. Power to stop grant :—The Chairman of the Board or the Chairman of a State Committee or the Chairman of a Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, if he thinks it necessary so to do, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, may withhold or terminate or reduce any undisbursed grants, whether of a recurring or a non-recurring nature, made under this Scheme.

25. Conditions of financial assistance :—It shall be the condition of financial assistance to any voluntary organisation from the Central Account of the Fund or the account of the Fund controlled by a State Committee or a Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, that the voluntary organisation maintains a separate account of all the grants, renders a full account of the grants within the stipulated time, furnishes utilisation certificate at the time specified in this behalf, makes available audited accounts of the grants received within the stipulated time, and assists the officers of the Fund or the officers of a State Committee or a Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, in the inspection of the programmes executed or books maintained by such organisation in this behalf.

26. Composition of State-Committee :—A State Committee shall consist of :—

- (a) the State Minister in charge of child welfare—Chairman ex-officio.
- (b) one representative of the State Department of Finance—Member,
- (c) six persons to be nominated by the Chairman of the State Committee including three from the field of paediatrics, home science, nutrition or social work—Members.
- (d) the Director in charge of child welfare or a corresponding officer in the State—Secretary-Treasurer.

27. Composition of Union Territory Committee :—A Union Territory Committee shall consist of :—

- (a) the Administrator of the Union Territory by whatever designation called—Chairman ex-officio.
- (b) one representative of the Finance Department of the Union Territory Administration—Member.
- (c) six persons to be nominated by the Chairman of the U.T. Committee including three from the field of paediatrics, home science, nutrition or social work—Members.
- (d) the Director in charge of child welfare or a corresponding officer in the Union Territory—Secretary-Treasurer.

28. Function of State or Union Territory Committee :—

- (1) A State Committee or a Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, shall perform such functions and exercise such powers as may be delegated to it by the Board.

- (2) Subject to the provisions contained in this scheme, a State Committee or a Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, may, with the previous approval of the Board, frame and vary from time to time as they think fit, bye-laws for the conduct of their business.
- (3) The quorum to constitute a meeting of such committee shall be a majority of the total number of the members thereof.
- (4) In a meeting of such Committee, every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting on the question and in case of equality of votes the person presiding over the meeting shall have a casting vote.

29. *Duration of Membership* :—(1) A nominated member of the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, shall hold office for a period of two years.

- (2) A member of the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, shall cease to be a member if he dies, resigns his membership or becomes of unsound mind or insolvent or is convicted of criminal offence involving moral turpitude.
- (3) The resignation of membership shall be tendered to the Chairman of the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, and shall become effective from the date of its acceptance or on the expiry of thirty days after the date of resignation, whichever is earlier.

30. *Vacancies on the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee. as the case may be* :—Vacancies in the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, shall be filled in the manner in which

the Board or State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, was originally constituted.

*31r Meetings of the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be .—*The Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, shall meet as often as it is necessary to do so for the transaction of business of the Fund in any case at least once a year.

*32. Powers and Function of Secretary-Treasurer of the Board or the State or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be :—*It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer :—

- (a) to be the custodian of all records of the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be;
- (b) to conduct the official correspondence on behalf of the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be;
- (c) to issue all notices for convening the meetings of the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be;
- (d) to keep minutes of all meetings of the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, and of such bodies the responsibilities for convening whose meetings rest with him;
- (e) to manage the properties and funds of the Fund, to maintain accounts and execute all contracts on behalf of the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be; and
- (f) to exercise all other powers and execute such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Board or the

State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, from time to time.

32. *Assets of the Fund* :—(1) In addition to the money, particulars of which are given in schedule A to the said notification, the assets of the Fund shall include all such grants and contributions, recurring and non-recurring from the Central and State Governments, local bodies or any other statutory or non-statutory bodies set up by the Central or the State Governments as well as voluntary donations and endowments from any other sources, whenever received.

(2) All assets of the Fund shall vest in the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be.

34. *Allocation of funds* :—The Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be from time to time, determine the proportion of the total funds at its disposal which shall be applied for the purpose of this Scheme in a particular year.

35. (1) *Deposit of funds*—All moneys of the Fund shall be credited initially to the account of the Board of the Funds to be opened in the State Bank of India or any of its subsidiaries or any other Scheduled Bank approved in this behalf by the Government of India.

(2) The funds placed at the disposal of a State Committee or a Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, by the Board, shall be credited to the account of such Committee to be opened by it in the manner as specified in sub-paragraph (1).

(3) The funds of any such Committee that are not required to be used immediately for the objects of the Fund, may

be invested in any one or more of the modes of investment of the trust moneys as may be determined by the Secretary-Treasurer of such Committee.

36. (1) *Whithdrawal of funds*—Withdrawal of funds from the accounts of the Board of the Fund shall be regulated in a manner to be determined by the Board. Such withdrawals shall be made by cheques or requisition (as the case may be) signed by the Secretary-Treasurer in the case of amount not exceeding rupees one thousand and signed duly by the Secretary-Treasurer and another member of the Board to be nominated by the Board in other cases.

2. Withdrawal of funds from the accounts of a State Committee or a Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, shall be regulated in the manner to be determined by such Committee.

37. *Administrative Expenses*—Administrative expenses incurred by the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, such as expenditure incurred on salaries and allowances and T.A. and D.A. of their officers and staff and T.A. and D.A. of the members shall be a legitimate charge on the funds of the Fund .

38. (1) *Appointment of staff*—The Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, may appoint such staff as they may consider necessary for the discharge of their functions.

(2) The terms and conditions of service of the staff may be determined by the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be.

39. *Remuneration to members and officers*—(1) No remuneration shall be paid to any of the members of the Board or

the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, except travelling and daily allowance at rates to be determined by the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be.

- (2) Official members of the Board or the State Committee or the Union Territory Committee, as the case may be, will draw travelling and daily allowance at rates admissible to them from the source from which they draw their salaries.
- (ε) Officers and staff of the Fund may draw such remuneration and T.A. and D.A. to which they may be entitled under rules applicable to them.

40. *Accounts and Audit*—(1) Regular accounts shall be kept of all moneys and properties and of incomes and expenditure of the Fund and shall be audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants or any other recognised authorities as may be appointed by the Board. The Auditors shall also certify that the expenditure from the funds of the Fund has been correctly incurred in accordance with the objects of the Fund.

- (2) The Accounts of the Fund shall incorporate the accounts of State Committees and the Union Territory Committees.

Copies of the annual accounts of the Fund duly audited and certified by the auditor shall be submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund to the Government of India every year.

41. *Annual Report*—An Annual Report on the working of the Fund shall be prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and shall, after approval of the Board, be presented to the Government of India.

ANNEXURE

Form of application for financial Assistance from the Fund/Account of State Committee/Union Territory Committee

1. Name and address of organisation.
2. Nature of the organisation.
3. Date of establishment of the organisation.
4. Brief history and a brief account of the activities of the organisation since its inception.
5. Whether the organisation is registered under any law for the time being in force? If so, the details thereof.
6. Whether the organisation is of a National/State/District level.
7. Whether the organisation has been recognised as an organisation of National or State level? If so, details thereof.
8. Whether the organisation is in receipt of organisational assistance from the Government of India, Ministry of Social Welfare? If so, details thereof.

9. Whether the organisation is in receipt of assistance from the Central Government for any programme ? If so, details thereof.
10. Whether the organisation is in receipt of assistance from the State Government for any programme ? If so, details thereof.
11. Whether the organisation receives grant from Central Social Welfare Board or State Social Welfare Board ? if so, details thereof.
12. Whether the organisation receives grant in cash or kind from any other organisation in India or in a foreign country ? If so, details thereof.
13. Details of the proposed project for which assistance is sought from the Fund/Account (Please make available a detailed project report with budget, staff, programme and other details)
14. Whether the organisation will meet 10% cost of the proposed project ? If so, how the resources for the purpose will be raised ?
15. Whether the scheme proposed qualifies for assistance under any

of the normal assistance schemes operated by the Central Government ? If so, give reasons to seek assistance from the Fund/Account.

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16. Any other details regarding the proposed project or the organisation.

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*Note :—*It is preferable that a copy of the Article of Memorandum of Association and a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the organisation are enclosed along with a copy of the statement of accounts of expenditure of the organisation for the last available year.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S FUND

(Constituted by the Government of India under the
Charitable Endowments Act, 1890)

Chairman
Union Minister for Social Welfare

Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. D. Paul Chowdhry

No. NI/NCF/4-9/81/10400

March 18, 1982

ORDER

The Chairman of the Board of Management of National Children's Fund has nominated six non-official members on the Board of management of National Children's Fund vide order issued on file No. 4-4/79-CW dated 10th August, 1979 for a period of two years in accordance with the provisions under Rule 3(G) of the Constitution of National Children's Fund.

2. In supersession of the earlier orders nominating the six non-official members on the Board of Management of the National Children's Fund, the Chairman of the National Children's Fund is pleased to reconstitute the Board of Management of the Board with the following six non-official members :—

- (i) **Shri Cavalier G. K. Devarajulu**
President
Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce
and Industry, Federation House
Tansen Marg, New Delhi.

- (ii) Smt. Tara Ali Baig
R-8, Hauz Khas
New Delhi.
- (iii) Dr. S.P. Ghosal
President
Indian Academy of Paediatrics
Kailas Darshan, Kennedy Bridge
Bombay-400007.
- (iv) Shri Anand Swaroop
Water Works Road
Lucknow.
- (v) Smt. Mina Swaminathan
Vice-Chairman
Bal Bhavan Board, Kotla Road
New Delhi-110002
- (vi) Smt. Homi J. Talayarkhan
Raj Bhavan
Gangtok.

3. The objectives of the National Children's Fund are :

- (i) to administer and apply the funds of the Fund to pay grants-in-aid to voluntary organisations of National, State and district level, to implement programmes for the welfare of children, including rehabilitation of destitute children, particularly pre-school age children and other programmes envisaged in the National Plan of Action for International year of the Child ;
- (ii) programmes for welfare of children belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other

backward classes will receive priority consideration ; and

- (iii) to do all other things that are incidental and conductive to the above objects.

4. The functions of the Board of Management of National Children's Fund shall be :—

- (i) to frame and vary bye-laws with the previous approval of the Central Government from time to time to conduct the business of the Fund i.e. for the regulation, management and for any other purpose connected with the execution of the funds of the Fund ;
- (ii) to invest the proceeds of the sale or other disposal of the property not immediately required to be used for the objects of the Fund in any one or more of the modes of investment of the trust money as the Board may think proper ;
- (iii) to receive any endowment, donation, or other contributions in augmentation of any of the objects and general purpose of the Fund. The Board may also receive endowments, donations or other contributions for any special purpose connected with the charity not inconsistent with or calculated to impede the due working of the provisions of this scheme.

5. The term of the non-official members on the Board will be two years.

6. The non-official members of the Board will be eligible for TA/DA as provided in the Constitution of the Fund. A copy

each of the Constitution of the National Children's Fund, the circular letter sent to voluntary organisations for assistance from the Fund and the audited report for the year 1979-80 are enclosed.

Sd/-

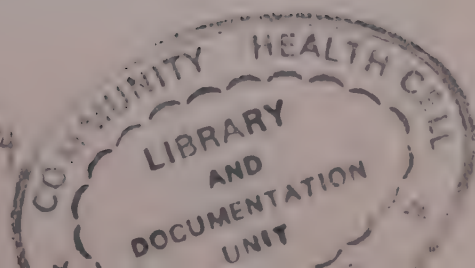
(D. Paul Chowdhry)
Secretary-Treasurer (NCF)

Copy forwarded for information to Shri R. K. Saha, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.

Sd/-

(D. Paul Chowdhry)

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ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR PREVENTION, EARLY DETECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF CHILDHOOD DISABILITIES

Scope

Assistance would be available under the programme to non-government organizations in the areas of :

- (i) Early detection of disability;
- (ii) Prevention of disability;
- (iii) Community and family based rehabilitation programmes for disabled children;
- (iv) Programmes of awareness activity aimed at families and community members, community workers, trainers and community leaders and other social and paramedical workers;
- (v) Innovative programmes for delivery of services in the field of training such as training in early detection, intervention methods for families; training in identification of disability; parent counselling; programmes for development of existing family and community-based rehabilitation resources; and programmes for extension of existing education and other rehabilitation services to disabled children in unserved areas; establishment of low-cost early detection and rehabilitation services where these are inadequate or non-existent.

2. In these areas priority would be given to programmes with the following focus :

- (i) Programmes that benefit children (0-15 years), particularly the 0-6 year age group for prevention, early detection and intervention;
- (ii) Programmes aimed at poorer sections of society;
- (iii) Programmes in rural, tribal or slum areas;
- (iv) Programmes which use available local resources of both personnel as well as materials and where the community can become self-reliant over a period of time;
- (v) Programmes with a major emphasis on participation of families and the community at large;
- (vi) Programmes which reflect cost-effective approaches to the rehabilitation of disabled children within the community.

Programmes emphasising institutional rehabilitation or those eligible for support under existing grant-in-aid schemes of the Government of India and/or State Governments will not be considered for support.

Eligibility

3. Agencies eligible for assistance :

- (i) Voluntary organizations registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860;
- (ii) Charitable companies registered under the Companies Act;

- (iii) Public Trusts registered under the Public Trust Act;
- (iv) Local bodies such as Panchayat and Municipal Corporations;
- (v) Statutory bodies such as All India Institute of Medical Sciences, etc.

4. The organisations should have proven capability of work in the area of child welfare for a period of two years.

5. Agencies wishing to undertake these programmes should have a recurring budget of atleast Rs. 50,000/- over the preceding two years. The agency should have basic facilities of staff and material for undertaking the work that it has applied for.

Scope of Assistance

6. Project support for a maximum period of 3 years will be considered.

7. UNICEF assistance will be limited to a maximum of 90% of the total project cost. The total financial limit of a project would be Rs. 5 lakhs over a period of three years.

8. The following shall not be considered for funding;

- (i) Purchase of land or building or costs of construction;
- (ii) Normally wherever per capita cost of benefit exceeds Rs. 1,200/-per year;
- (iii) Travel and other contingencies at more than 5% of the total project cost;
- (iv) Foreign travel within the proposal.

Procedure for submitting the proposal

9. The application for assistance, duly endorsed by the UNICEF Zone Office, may be submitted in the form (Annexure A).

It should be accompanied by the project proposal formulated according to the guidelines in Annexure B, and endorsed by the UNICEF Zone Office (please see Annexure E). The application and project proposal should be submitted to the Joint Secretary (S. S. D.), Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of India, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001, with a copy to the Programme Officer (Education and Prevention of Childhood Disability), UNICEF Regional Office for South Central Asia, 73 Lodi Estate, New Delhi-110003.

Disbursement of Assistance

10. UNICEF shall undertake the responsibility for procurement and supply of major pieces of equipment that may be approved. For locally specified supplies and equipment, the UNICEF Zone Office may sanction procurement action on behalf of UNICEF for payment on reimbursement. In the case of non-supply assistance, necessary cash assistance shall be advanced on a 3-monthly basis by the UNICEF Zone Office.

11. Subsequent advances shall be released only after a utilization certificate for atleast 50% of the advance given and full accounts thereof (in the proforma given in Annexure C) is furnished.

12. Disbursement shall be effected only after adjustment of accounts.

13 The organization shall maintain accounts of UNICEF assistance and shall furnish audited statement of accounts for all UNICEF assistance given in the previous year to UNICEF Zone Office concerned, to UNICEF, New Delhi and the Ministry of Social Welfare at the addresses mentioned in para 9.

Responsibility of the Grantee Institution

14. Grantee institutions shall have the responsibility for

supervising and administering the project. The institution shall agree to :

- (i) Administer and supervise the project;
- (ii) Administer and maintain finance and necessary accounts;
- (iii) Use all funds provided under the project exclusively for the project work;
- (iv) Provide the necessary physical infrastructure and facilities required for successfully conducting the project;
- (v) It will also ensure that the Project Coordinator or Director shall be available for the duration of the project. In the event if the Project Director has to leave it in the midstream, the institution shall ensure that:
 - (a) the Project Director leaves a report on the work done with all data and connected material to enable his successor to compile a full report;
 - (b) appoint another Project Director.

Items Covered under the Grant

15. The following items could be covered under the grant :
- (i) Salary and other allowances of the project staff, other than the salary of peons or similar custodial staff on the guarantee that the institution will cover their salaries upon completion of UNICEF assistance.
 - (ii) Training
 - (iii) Supplies and equipment
 - (iv) Travel
 - (v) Contingency and overhead not exceeding 5% of the total project cost.

Travel

16 Rates of TA/DA shall be limited to those of the Central Government.

Reporting

17. The grantee institution shall submit a progress report every six months in the format given in Annexure D. This report shall be given to the UNICEF Zone Office concerned, UNICEF New Delhi, and to Ministry of Social Welfare.

Changes in Approved Project

18. No major changes would normally be allowed in the project without the prior approval of UNICEF. Any request for changes in project proposals and in the assistance requested should be endorsed by the UNICEF Zone Office concerned and forwarded to the Ministry of Social Welfare with a copy to UNICEF, New Delhi.

Termination of grant

19 If UNICEF/Government is not satisfied with the project or find that these rules are repeatedly violated, it reserves the right to terminate the grant.

Final Report

20. The grantee institution shall submit a final report to the Government within 3 months of the completion of the project. Three copies of the final report shall be submitted, one each to the ministry of Social Welfare, the UNICEF New Delhi office and the UNICEF Zone Office concerned.

21. The report should, among other things, include the following :

- (i) Objectives of the project;
- (ii) The approach and activities undertaken, services delivered and population covered for each of the services;
- (iii) The major outcomes of the project;
- (iv) Expenditure incurred and per capita costs;
- (v) Conclusions, giving concrete and specific suggestions for action and further needs.

ANNEXURE A

APPLICATION FORM

1. Name of the organization.
2. Address of the organization.
3. Date of establishment of the organization.
4. Whether the organization is registered under any Act. if so, details of the registration.
5. Brief account of the activities of the organization, main area of work, staff employed (specialist and non-specialist) and the recurring and non-recurring expenditure over the last 2 years.
6. Whether the organization has any branches outside the District, State or Country.
7. Whether the organization is in receipt of assistance from the Government of India, Ministry of Social Welfare. If so, details thereof.
8. Whether a similar proposal was submitted to some other organization for a grant and if so, the name of the organization, its observations and the outcome.
9. Whether the organization is in receipt of assistance from Central Social Welfare Board, State Social Welfare Advisory Board, State Government. If so, details thereof.

10. Details of any assistance received from any other organization in India or in foreign countries if applicable.
11. Particulars of other projects in which the project director or coordinator is mainly engaged or likely to be engaged during the duration of the project.
12. Whether the organizations will meet the 10% cost of the project ? If so, how will the resources for this purpose be raised ?
13. Whether the project proposed qualified for assistance under any one of the normal schemes of the Central/ State Governments, State CSWB, Social Welfare Boards ? If so, give reason to seek assistance from out of UNICEF funds.
14. Area of operation of the organization ? Whether it operates mainly in : (a) urban (b) rural and (c) semi-rural areas.

ANNEXURE B

GUIDELINES FOR FORMULATION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

Among other things the project proposal shall include the following :

- (a) Description of project area and scope of the project (i.e. number of villages, blocks, slums): population to be covered and description of beneficiaries —age, type of disability, socio-economic background, etc.
- (b) Aims and objectives, both general and specific, should be listed.
- (c) Approach to be followed and the activities to be undertaken.
- (d) Time budgeting of the project including break-up of different aspects of the project. Specific objectives to be achieved in the first six months may also be indicated.
- (e) The total estimated cost of the project and the assistance requested from UNICEF.
- (f) Estimated number of beneficiaries and per capita cost of beneficiaries (this may include direct beneficiaries as well as indirect beneficiaries).
- (g) Local linkages sought to be established with programmes such as ICDS, Urban Community Development projects, and other rural development or child welfare projects of State/Central Governments.

AFNEXURE-C

GOVERNMENT REPORT ON UTILIZATION OF UNICEF FUNDS

To : UNICEF,

From :

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

PROGRAMME (PROJECT).....

LOCATION.....

This is to certify that : (fill in as applicable)

(a) the sum of Rs.....in government funds has been used for (description)in accordance with.....

(MPO, letter of agreement, UNICEF letter, etc.)

(b) the sum of Rs.....transferred by UNICEF.....on.....to.....has been used for (description).....in accordance with.....

(MPO, letter of agreement, UNICEF letter, etc.)

The itemized summary of the expenditure is contained in the attchement to certificate.

- (i) ☐ UNICEF is requested to reimburse the sum of Rs.....spent in government funds.

- (ii) ☐ The total expenditure made was Rs.....,thus the funds advanced by UNICEF have been fully used.
- (iii) ☐ The total expenditure made was Rs.....,thus leaving an unused balance of Rs.....of the funds advanced by UNICEF.
This balance is
- ☐ returned to UNICEF, with cheque No.....
- ☐ will be used for the continuation of the already agreed activity, and will be considered as part of the new advance, if required.

Signed :

Title :

Date :

ANNEXURE-D

PROFORMA OF SIX MONTHLY REPORT

1. Total preparatory work done.
2. Staff appointed.
3. Target set for 6-monthly period and the target achieved during this period (this may include the number of beneficiaries covered or other activities done during the period).
4. Preparation of the second 6-monthly phase of the Project.
5. Reasons of non-achievements of target, if any. Kindly give specific constraints and the steps taken upon by the agency to overcome these.

SCHEME OF NATIONAL AWARD FOR THE BEST WORK DONE IN A YEAR IN THE CAUSE OF THE CHILDREN

Introduction

Child population in India of the age group 0—14 is, by 1981 census, 270 million. This is 39.5% of the total population. Child population of the vulnerable age group 0—6 is, 138 million and constitutes nearly 20 per cent of the total population.

2. The preponderance of the child population in the country, many of them belonging to the vulnerable sections and with 40% of the population below the poverty line, emphasizes the need of interventional programmes to promote the well-being of the children in the country. It also signifies the importance attached to observing 1979 that was declared as the "International Year of the Child".

3. The United Nations had declared 1979 as the "International Year of the Child". The objectives of the 'International Year of the Child,' as delineated in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of 21 December 1976, were as follows :—

- (a) To provide a framework for advocacy on behalf of children and for enhancing the awareness of the special needs of children on the part of decision-makers and the public.
- (b) To promote recognition of the fact that programmes for children should be an integral part of economic and social development plans with a view to achieving, in

both the long-term and the short-term, sustained activities for the benefit of children at the national, international levels.

4. India has been one of the leading nations to espouse the cause of the children and promote the efforts of the international community that led to the declaration of 1979, as the "International Year of the Child". The advocacy of the cause of the children and the enhanced emphasis on the programmes for the welfare of the children were not to be confined to the year 1979 alone. Rather, '1979 International Year of the Child' was to be the jumping board to promote programmes of a larger dimension and create a greater awareness in the nation for the cause of the children.

5. Voluntary efforts have a special place in the total efforts of the country to promote the well-being of the children. A number of voluntary organisations are already in the field to promote the well-being of the children. The dimensions of voluntary action and its importance in the country are expected to grow with time.

6. A system of state recognition of voluntary efforts for the cause of the children was overdue. The 'International Year of the Child' was the most appropriate year to initiate a scheme of State recognition of voluntary effort in the cause of the children in the country.

7. The Government of India had, therefore, decided to institute a system of State recognition of voluntary effort rendered in the cause of the children. The recognition will be through the grant of National Awards every year for the best work done in the cause of the children. The awards are being given from 1979 onward. The award will now (1984 onward) be given every year separately to (i) seven individuals who have done the best work in the cause of the children; and (ii) three institutions that have done the best work in any branch of child welfare.

Scope

8. Separate awards will be presented to individuals who have rendered best work for the cause of the children and to institutions who have rendered best work for the cause of the children in a particular year. There is no objection to an individual and the institution with whom the individual is connected receiving the award in the same year.

Nature of Awards

9. The award for every individual shall consist of :—

- (i) A cash prize of Rs. 30,000/-.
- (ii) A citation.

10. The award to each institution shall consist of the following :—

- (i) A cash prize of Rs. 200,000/-.
- (ii) A citation.

Procedure for Selection

11. Initially, selection will be made from amongst individuals and institutions in a State/Union Territory by a Committee appointed by each State/Union Territory. The composition of this committee will be left to the State Government/Union Territory Administration. They may take into consideration the pattern of composition of the National Selection Committee.

12. The State/UT Selection Committee will make selection in accordance with the guidelines issued in this regard from time to time.

13. Final selection will be made by a National Committee consisting of the following :—

Chairman

1. Minister of State for Education and Social Welfare

Member

2. Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare

Member

3. A representative of the Department of Education

Member

4. A representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Member

- 5-6. Two prominent persons in the field of child welfare to be nominated by Minister of State for Education and Social Welfare

Member-Secretary

7. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare

14. Each State Government/Union Territory Administration will forward its recommendations to the Union Ministry of Social Welfare by 31 July every year. Particulars of the recommended institutions should be furnished in the proforma given as

Annexure 'A' and those of the individuals in proforma given as Annexure 'B'. Recommendations received after 31 July may not be considered.

15. The National Committee may, at their discretion, consider individuals and institutions not recommended by a State Government/Union Territory Administration, for the award.

Criteria for Selection for Institutions

16. The institutions should be those that are not entirely Government funded. They could be Government aided or otherwise. The institutions should have been in the field of child welfare for some years and should have, to their record, a good performance in the field. The branches of institutions working independently will also qualify for selection for the award. The selection will be made solely on the basis of quality of performance and the number of children covered by the performance.

For Individuals

17. The individuals to be selected for the award should have worked for the cause of the children for some years. Paid officers of the institutions will not be eligible for selection. The sole basis of selection will be the quality of work performed by the individual for the cause of the children and its significance for the cause.

Date of Awards

18. The award will be announced on Universal Children's

Day on 14 November every year and will be given away in New Delhi on a date and time convenient to the President of India.

Procedure for Making the Awards

19. The awards may be received personally by the selected individuals and representatives of the institutions on behalf of the institutions selected for the awards. They will be paid travelling and daily allowances/actual expenditure incurred by the Ministry of Social Welfare.

Particulars of the Institution for Award

1. Year
2. Name, postal and telegraphic address of Institution
3. Connection with the State Government or local body
4. Nature of work undertaken by the Institution
5. Total number of employees in the Institution
6. Details of work done by the Institution including places and the number of children covered by the Institution
7. Whether the Institution is in receipt of grant-in-aid from the State or the Central Government and if so, details thereof
- 8- Whether the Institution was visited in the past by officers of the Central or State Government or by others and if so, the comments of the visiting officers
9. Remarks in detail.

NOTE : Memorandum/Articles of Association, annual reports for the last two years and like documents may be sent.

Particulars of Individuals for Award

1. Name and address
2. Age
3. Sex
4. Institution with which the individual is connected and the nature of connection
5. Details of performance of the individual including the locale and field of performance and the number of children covered
6. How is the performance of the individual adjudged as outstanding
7. Remarks including a brief life-sketch of the candidate.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE**

ORDER

New Delhi, the 17th August, 1979

F. No. 11-43/79. CW.—Para 12 of the Scheme of "National Awards for Child Welfare" envisages a National Selection Committee to make a final selection for national awards. The National Committee consists of the following persons :

Chairman

1. Minister of State for Education and Social Welfare.

Member

2. Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare.

Member

3. A representative of the Department of Education.

Member

4. A representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Members

- 5-6. Two prominent persons in the field of Child Welfare to be nominated by Minister of State for Education and Welfare.

Member-Secretary

7. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare.

2. The Minister of State has nominated two prominent persons on the Selection Committee. They are : (a) President, Indian Council for Child Welfare, and (b) President, Indian Academy of Paediatrics.

3. The National Selection Committee for National Awards for Child Welfare is accordingly constituted with immediate effect.

4. The non-official members of the National Selection Committee will be eligible for T. A. and D. A., as under the rules, to attend the meetings of the National Selection Committee.

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